



STATE OF NEBRASKA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT

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NOTICE

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Dispensation of Medicines Under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act

The Nebraska Legislature passed LB 13 during the last legislative session that amends the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act. The full text of the bill is available on the Unicameral's Web site (<http://www.unicam.state.ne.us>).

Of importance to those receiving this notice is Section 28 of the bill. This section adds a new provision to the Act that applies to persons dispensing medicines and medical supplies to individuals entitled to benefits under the Act. The specific language is as follows:

Any person that dispenses medicines and medical supplies, as required by Section 48-120, shall dispense the generic drug equivalent unless:

1. A generic drug equivalent is unavailable; or
2. The prescribing physician specifically provides in writing that a nongeneric drug must be dispensed.

This portion of the Act becomes operative on September 4, 2005. Questions concerning this change may be directed to the court's Coverage and Claims Manager, Kris Peterson, at 800-599-5155.